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REVISED RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on September 29, 2004, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The amendment document filed on August 27, 2004 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Applicants respectfully resubmits the amendment filed August 27, 2004 with a corrected claim set.

Claims 1-30 have been canceled. Claims 31-39 are now pending. Claims 37-39 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 31 and 34-37 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucero (U.S. Patent No. 5,038,022) in view of Capers (U.S. Patent No. 4,669,596) and further in view of Perrie et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,955). Claims 32-33 and 38-39 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable

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over Lucero in view of Capers, and further in view of Perrie, and further in view of Crevelt (U.S. Patent No. 5,092,983).

Claim 37 has been amended merely to clarify the claimed invention. No claims have been added. No claims have been deleted. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art.